

Wallsburg News

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Ruby and Tracy Hicken

Spotlight: Tracy and Ruby Hicken

Named Orson after his grandfather on his father's side, and Tracy after an uncle on his mother's side, Tracy Hicken was born Dec. 20, 1918 in Tabiona. His parents, John Ernest Hicken and Lena Blood (Midway) moved their family to Heber, where Tracy attended to his schooling. After graduating from Wasatch High School, Tracy farmed in Fruitland, and trucked ore from New Park Mine and Star Mine to Keetley, where the railroad picked the ore up to transport.

Ruby Wall Hicken was born March 29, 1920 in Wallsburg. She attended school to the eighth grade in Wallsburg, then finished high school at Wasatch High School. Her parents, Orpha Greer and Marvie Wall, were long-time residents.

Tracy tells a story of the difficulties in getting a horse, who had wandered into Wallsburg, "out of Wallsburg," noting that you "can't get a woman or a horse out of Wallsburg." When he and Ruby married June 3, 1940 (later solemnized Salt Lake Temple), he knew he would live in Wallsburg! Shortly after their marriage, Tracy was drafted into the Navy and served under Admiral Hulse with the

Seventh Fleet. He was then sent into Tokyo Bay, the capitol of Japan, an inlet of the Philippines sea in central Honshu, Japan, for the signing of the Armistice truce between the USA and Japan. Later, after his release from the Navy, (January, 1946), Tracy returned to live in Ogden, Provo, Heber, and then as predicted, returned finally to live in Wallsburg.

Buying their home in 1948, Tracy and Ruby raised their family of six children, Marva (Bowman), Carol (Sabey) deceased, John, Tom, Kimberly, and LaBaron. They have eighteen grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Ruby says: "Life passes quickly. I feel the same today as I've always felt." Perhaps it's because her health is not taken for granted. You can still see Ruby walking the community to keep physically fit. She has been active as a past Wasatch Hospital Board member, 4-H leader, Town Clerk, and worked in all the organizations of the LDS Church. A past president of Relief Society, and Primary, MIA secretary, Stake secretary, she now is the Ward librarian, and Gospel Doctrine teacher for Wallsburg Ward.

Tracy had always been in the farming industry: farming, dairy, hay, grain, horses and cattle. He

worked 27 years at Geneva Steel before retiring in 1980. Tracy, like Ruby, has been active. Serving with the Wasatch County School Board, the ASCS (Air, Soil, Conservation Committee).

His church assignments have included Clerk (under President Ford, 15 years), first counselor to Bishop Higginson, High Councilman, High Priest Group leader and Home teacher. I, for one, am aware of the good deeds performed by this special couple on behalf of others in the community. It's so good to have neighbors and friends as the Hickens.

Town Meeting Tonight:
Wasatch County Commission members will meet at the Wallsburg Town Hall tonight. Everyone in our community is invited to attend. Plan to be there at 7:30 p.m.

This Week's Color Question:
"I've heard that the skin tone is how your 'season' is determined. Explain how this is accomplished." Answer: Through Season-Analysis we find varieties of skin even in different races of people. It is fascinating to know that your skin tone corresponds to your season. You are the color you are because of your season. We do not chose colors that match the hair or eyes. We choose colors that go with the color of our skin. (All four seasons have red, brunette, blonde or brown hair). Through study of skin-tone we can more fully understand our season.

There are three important pigments that lend color to the skin: Melanin (which gives skin its 'brown tones'); Carotene, (which imparts the yellow skin tones), and Hemoglobin, (the red pigment in the blood, which gives skin its pink and red hues). These three pigments act together to produce the skins ultimate color on the same principle that causes you to see green when you look at a blue light through a yellow filter. Our

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